



# Rule Up For Final Action

Proposed Amendment of

**WAC 230-40-610**

Player-supported jackpots – Restrictions – Manner of conducting – Approval.

<b>ITEM 13 (a) on the November 19, 2004, Commission Meeting Agenda. Statutory Authority 9.46.070</b>
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<b>Who proposed the rule change?</b>
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Staff.
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<b>Why is this rule change needed?</b>
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At the August meeting, the Commission adopted an amendment to WAC 230-40-070 allowing poker games to be played with non-logo cards. In conjunction with that change, staff recommended an amendment to WAC 230-40-610 requiring dealers to verify, under surveillance, that the correct cards are in the deck when a player-supported jackpot is paid out.

Staff recommends this rule become effective at the same time logo cards are no longer required for poker games, January 1, 2005.

**November Agenda Version:** Language in subsection (5)(c) was amended so the requirements are easier to understand.

Attachments:

- 1) Letter dated July 15, 2004, from the Recreational Gaming Association proposing an amendment.
  - 2) Response letter dated September 3, 2004, from staff to the Recreational Gaming Association.
  - 3) WAC 230-40-070 incorporating the amendment to no longer requires poker games to use logo cards.
- This amendment was adopted at the August 13, 2004, meeting, to become effective January 1, 2005.

<b>Statements against the proposed rule change.</b>
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None at this time.
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<b>Which licensees will be directly impacted?</b>
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Poker games offering player-support jackpots.
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<b>What are the potential impacts to the agency?</b>
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Minimal.
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<b>Staff recommendation.</b>
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Adoption.
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<b>Proposed effective date.</b>
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January 1, 2005.
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